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WHAT UGLY TOES WOMEN HAVE.—Canova chose five hundred beautiful women from whom to model his Venus, and among them all could not find a decent set of toes. If he lived now a days what luck would he have under the dainty little buttoned boots, with their sharp-pointed heels?

As soon as the helpless baby can put its foot on the ground, and before it can complain in words, shoes are put on it by which the width of the toes is contracted fully half an inch; and usually a stiff counter is ordered in the heel, with some vague idea of "strengthening the arch." From that time, no matter how watchful or sensible its parents may be in other respects, these instruments of torture always constitute part of its dress. The toes are forced into a narrower space, year by year, "to give a good shape to the foot," until they overlap and knot themselves over with impatient corns and bunions. Then the heel is lifted from the ground by artificial means and thus the action of the calf muscles is hindered and the elastic cartilage of the whole foot is stiffened at the earliest and most tender period of its growth.

The results are a total lack of elasticity in the step and carriage, and a foot inevitably distorted. American women are noted for their cramped and unbecoming walk. Southern children are more fortunate in this matter than those in the North, as it is customary, even in the wealthiest classes, to let their feet go uncovered until the age of six.

Mothers in the North are not wholly to blame, however, as the climate requires that the feet shall be covered, and it is almost impossible, even in New York, to find shoes properly made for children, unless a last is ordered for the foot. As a new last would be required every month or so, very few parents are able to give the watchfulness and money required; but, if the proper shape were insisted upon by those buying shoes, dealers would quickly furnish them.

BEST FOOD FOR HOGS.—The food in winter should naturally be of a stronger and more heating nature, to enable the animals to lay on fat and resist the cold successfully, not forgetting the comforts of a good pig house and a yard in connection, as suitable shelter enhances the value of the food. Corn, in different forms, whether fed whole, ground, cooked or otherwise, is the cheapest and best food if fed judiciously. In connection with this some laxative food must be supplied, as well as fresh water daily, to counteract the heating nature of the corn, otherwise heavy feedings of corn will cause skin eruptions and make the animals very uneasy, the irritation being very great, and scratching against the sides of the pen being a great relief to them. If the swill or slop barrels or hogheads be where water will not readily freeze in cold weather, take a mixture of bran and corn meal, boil a lot of potatoes, turnips, beets, etc., with plenty of water, and as soon as they are thoroughly done mash them well and put at once into the swill tub, the hot water and all, and then put on a good quantity of the mixed meal and bran. If there be not enough hot water with the boiled vegetables, get some more—enough to moisten the mass—stir it up well and cover up for several hours to steam and become mellow. You now have a slop which will not only keep the pigs healthy, but will make them improve rapidly. Of course, before feeding, more water should be added to make it of the proper consistency.

To every barrel of slop of this kind we add two double handfuls of salt when put to steam; also a couple of quarts of fine bits of charcoal. This we consider absolutely necessary to the continued health and well being of the animals.

THE AWKWARD AGE.—A wise and sweet woman suggests, as a sovereign remedy for the unbecomingness of what we are wont to call the awkward age in boys and girls—that time when they are too large to feel like children, and not quite sure enough of themselves to feel like adults—that we should always treat even the smallest children with the courtesy and consideration that we show to grown up people, and then they will never feel at a loss as to their reception, thus quite escaping the uncertain and uncomfortable "awkward age." There are few things more important in the right development of a human creature than self respect. But how is a child to learn to respect itself, if it sees that it is alone in the sentiment—that by no one else is it respected? More harm is perhaps done children by snubbing than even by weak indulgence. We have all seen homes where the slightest expression of a child's idea on any point under discussion was greeted with "Who asked you what you thought?" or with some sarcasm such as, "Ah, now we shall have the matter settled—Miss Experience is freeing her mind." It is difficult to tell the right mean. We do not want our children troublesome to visitors—grown up people do not care to pause in their talk to listen to the unconsidered opinions of thirteen—but what if we tried the experiment of respectful attention for awhile? Would not the young folk stop talking until they had something to say, quite as surely if they saw that their words were listened to with attention; as if they felt that their voices were but beating the air?

A HUSBAND'S OBEEDIENCE.—Very interesting testimony is occasionally given in the Ward will case at Detroit. Aunt Emily Ward, sister of the late Eber Ward, was recently introduced as a witness, and promulgated her views on the marriage relation to the following effect: "Mr. Romeyn—Did you say that Captain Ward was like dough in the hands of his wife?"

Witness—I may have said that. I say that of every man that has a wife. [Laughter.] Mr. Hughes—That's right; I would say so too; I think it is every married man's duty to say so.

Mr. Romeyn—Do you remember saying, in a conversation with young Mr. Ely and Mary, something like this, "If I should say, 'Eber, here is a red chair,' and if Kate should come in the next minute and say, 'The chair is black,' he would say, 'Oh, yes it is black.'"

Witness—Certainly. I think any married man would say that. [Laughter.] Mr. Romeyn—I believe you were never married?

Witness [laughter]—No, sir.

STOVES AND TINWARE.

PREPARE FOR THE WINTER.

ENOCH GRIMES,
No. 46 King street, bet. Fairfax and Lee sts.,
STOVES AND TINWARE,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
A full line of Fire Place Stoves, Cooking and Heating Stoves, of all kinds and prices. Housekeepers and all buyers will do well to look at the stock. A considerable reduction in prices has been made. oct 11-1m

BRICK FOR SALE.

We are prepared to deliver in any part of the city or on board cars or vessels.
PRESSED, FRONT, PAVING, RED, ARCH and PILLAR and SALMON BRICK,
of the very best quality.

Orders left with the Chinese Tea Co., 11 North Royal street, or at the yard, on Washington st., near the Catholic Cemetery, will receive prompt attention.
aug 6-6m **O'NEAL & CORBETT.**

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Hardware, Cutlery, Horse Shoes

Iron, Plough Castings, Nail Rods, Axle Grease, Wagon Materials, Housekeepers Goods, &c., &c.

NO. 88 KING STREET, CORNER ROYAL

and S. Alexandria, Virginia.

B. F. PEAKE & CO.,

(Successors to Jas. W. Nalls, Son & Co.)

DEALERS IN

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, PAINTS, HARDWARE, LEADS, OILS, CEMENT, CALCINED PLASTER, &c.,

No. 187 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.
feb 2-4f

NOTICE.

We have just received from one of the largest

retailers of New York, who has declined business,

a large and superior stock of

LADIES' FINE SHOES,

of the very best manufacturers (Edwin C. Burt's and others) which will be sold at prices much

lower than can be bought in any city in the United States. **W. B. WADLEY,**

74 King street, Alexandria, Va.
oct 2-2f

FLOOR STAIN.

We have just manufactured

a fresh supply of the above article, which

has given such great satisfaction to all of our

customers who have tried it. In color, it is of a rich dark walnut, and it is prepared all ready

for immediate application. Shipped to the country in any quantity desired. Sold by the

gallon for **JANNEY & CO.**
oct 2-2f

BLACK ALPACAS AND MOHAIRS.

By this a. m. Express.

More of our regular line, thoroughly tested in

this market by several years' sales. These goods

are unsurpassed in color and finish, and as we

buy very largely of them, we offer inducements

to purchasers. [oct 20] **D. F. WITMER CO.**

HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS AND TOILET ARTICLES.

Also a full line of JEWELRY, MILLINERY

ORNAMENTS AND NOTIONS.

Also THOMPSON'S GLOVE-FITTING AND

BEST IMPORTED CORSETS.

FERGUSON & BROS.,
aug 30 96 King street.

SOAPS! SOAPS!

B. T. Babbitt's best, Hig-

gins' German Laundry, Tobler's and Mc-

Donald's best, Dobbins' Electric, Kitchen, Crystal,

Palm, sunflower, and a variety of other

Laundry Soaps; also a full supply of Toilet

Soaps in store and for sale low by

W. A. JOHNSON,
sep 7 44 corner Pitt and Queen sts.

USE THE IMPERIAL FRENCH GREEN.

It is not poisonous; it is finer in texture; has

more body, and is the most brilliant in the

world. For sale by **B. F. PEAKE & CO.,**
jy 2 187 King street.

SAUSAGE CUTTERS, Coal Hods, Stove

Shovels, Pokers, Coal Selves, Stove Lusters,

Brushes and other goods suited to the season.

Prices reduced. Call and see, at 85 King st.,

corner of Royal. **J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.**
oct 12

STARCH!

Duryea's Satin Gloss, Clement's Unchemical

and Fox's Starch, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,
sep 8 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

BAKERS' OLD WHEAT FLOUR.

50 barrels CROWN JEWEL SPRING

WHEAT FLOUR for sale by

THOS. FERRY,
sep 13 No. 17 King street.

BLACK ALPACAS AND PURE MO-

HAIR—Just received the best brands at

popular prices. Also Black Cashmires; choice

goods and very cheap.
D. F. BRASHEAR,
sep 14 No. 109 King st.

NOTICE!

I have this day received a large supply of

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

SCHOOL BOOKS!

AND

SCHOOL REQUISITES,

of every description, at

French's, No. 95 King street.

Just received a full supply of all the books

authorized by the State Board for use in the

public schools.

School and College Text Books, English and

Classical, at publishers' prices.

Slates, Pencils, Composition Books, Book

Carriers, School Satchels, Pens, Penholders

and every school requisite for a complete outfit.

New styles Paperies just received, contain-

ing the very best English and French Paper

and Envelopes; a great variety of patterns and

colors; very handsome.

New Books daily. Constantly on hand all

the leading Magazines and Reviews, American

and Foreign.

Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals in beauti-

ful styles of binding.

Fine Portemonnies and Card Cases, in Russia

Leather, Turkey Morocco and Seal Skin; Rus-

sia Satchels and Travelling Bags.

The finest American, English and French

Stationery, all the latest styles.

Just received a full line of Blank Books, all

sizes—Journals, Ledgers, Day Books, Cash

Books, Medium, Demy, Crown and Cap, full

and half bound, Memorandums, Pass Books,

Indexes.

Owing to the new postal law increasing the

postage on packages of merchandise from half

cent to one cent per ounce, the price of lot No. 1,

five quires, Note Paper, prepay'd, will be 35c;

lot No. 2, 50c; lot No. 3, 60c; lot No. 4, 80c and

\$1; French Quadrille same price.

Initial Notes, a great variety of styles and

prices. Finest French Rep Papers and

Envelopes to match.

Paper, Envelopes, Books, Magazines, Re-

views, etc., mailed to any part of the country.

GEO. E. FRENCH,
sep 4 95 King street, Alexandria, Va.

LEGAL NOTICES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having been appointed by the Corporation

Court of the city of Alexandria as administrator

of the estate of John T. Evans, deceased, I

hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the

estate to come forward at once and make pay-

ment to me. All parties having claims against

the estate will present them to me duly certified

for payment. **J. C. O'NEAL,**
oct 5-4f Adm'r of John T. Evans, dec'd.

NEW GOODS!

We have just received our full supply of

goods, consisting in part of the following: Lad-

ies' and Children's Balmain, Black, Ladies'

and Children's Vests, Nubias, Breakfast Shawls,

Jackets, Bustles, Hosiery, Jet and Plated Jew-

elry, Millinery Ornaments, Windsor and Silk

Black Lace Fishnets, Kid Gloves, Worsted

Dress Fringes in all shades, and a variety of

other fancy articles, at

FERGUSON & BROS.,
oct 18 96 King street.

OUR STOCK COMPLETE—OCT. 18, 1875.

We have now in store the best and most

complete assortment of FOREIGN and DO-

MESTIC STAPLE and FANCY DRY

GOODS ever offered by us in this city. These

have been purchased with great care and at very

low rates in the New York, Philadelphia and

Baltimore markets. Will be sold at down prices

to cash buyers or to responsible parties on short

time. **D. F. BRASHEAR,**
oct 18 No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

Sumac Wanted

BY

JAMES E. MCGRAW,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.
aug 14-3m

ZEPHYR WORSTEDS

AND

YARNS.

Just opened the above goods,

IN ALL COLORS,

AT

C. C. BERRY'S.
oct 11

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

The STATE TAX BILLS for 1875 are now

in my hands for collection. I will be at my

office, 59 KING STREET, daily from 9 a. m. to

3 p. m.

All bills not paid by the first of December

will be turned over to the Collector, with five

per cent added. **W. D. CORSE,**
oct 18-20d1 City Treasurer.

POTOMAC HERRING!

100 bbls. Family Roe Herring;

50 bbls. No. 1 Herring.

25 half bbls. Family Roe Herring; and

25 kits of Spiced Shad Roe.

In store and for sale at market rates by

W. A. JOHNSON,
sep 6 cor. Pitt and Queen streets.

AYER'S MEDICINES.

Consisting of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Sarsaparilla, Hair

Vigor, Ayer's Cure and Cathartic Pills.

Having received the appointment as LOCAL

AGENTS for the above, we are prepared to sell

to the trade or merchants at manufacturers'

prices when purchased by the case.

E. S. LEADBEATER & BROS.,
jy 15 85 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.

PATENT PROCESS FLOUR.

ISAAC WENGER FAMILY FLOUR,

made by D. K. Clegg's Patent Process. For sale by

THOMAS FERRY,
sep 20 17 King street.

BEAUTIFUL FALL SHAWLS—Choice

styles and very popular.

D. F. BRASHEAR,
sep 14 No. 109 King st.

RENFREW WASH POPLINS just re-

ceived. Best and cheapest Dress Goods of

the season.

D. F. W. TWMER CO.
jy 10

GREEN GINGER, Pure Spices and Pure

Cider Vinegar for sale by

G. WM. RAMSAY,
sep 10 Corner King and St. Asaph streets.

NEWEST STYLES CLOAKS JUST RE-

CEIVED.

Third supply for this season.

D. F. WITMER CO.
oct 20

PICKLES, Chow-Chow, Pepper Sauce,

Worcestershire Sauce, Olive Oil and Cat-

sup, for sale by

44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.
sep 8

SMOKED POTOMAC HERRING and

SMOKED SALMON for sale by

G. WM. RAMSAY,
sep 26 Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

LADIES' and MISSES' BALMORAL

SEISTS, Breakfast Saws and Knit-wick-

ets at

FERGUSON & BROS.,
sep 22 96 King street.

TEN-YEAR BAKER'S RYE WHISKEY

is the best and purest. For sale by

W. A. JOHNSON,
oct 18 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

FRESH OATMEAL, loose and in packages,